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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Present Application:

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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENDPOINTING A CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION PROCESS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Amend the specification by inserting a new section before the "Technical Field" as follows:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a divisional of pending United States Patent Application No. 09/139,814, filed August 25, 1998. --

<u>In the Claims</u>:

Please cancel claims 1-67 and 73-77.

Respectfully submitted,

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